

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4744  
INFO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

C O N F I D E N T I A L BUENOS AIRES 1522

E.O. 11652 GDS  
TAGS MASS, MILL, PBOR, AR, CI  
SUBJECT SALE OF LOCKHEED TANKER AIRCRAFT TO ARGENTINA

REF: A STATE 045444 B BUENOS AIRES 1352 C SANTIAGO 1240

1. EMBASSY BASED ITS REPLY (REF B) ONLY TO QUESTION  
POSED IN REF A REGARDING THE CURRENT LEVEL OF TENSION  
OVER THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE. APPLICATION OF US  
SANCTIONS HAS ALSO AND IS BEING EMPLOYED IN OUR BILATERAL  
RELATIONS WITH ARGENTINA TO FURTHER OUR HUMAN RIGHTS  
OBJECTIVES. IT HAS NOT BEEN UNDERSTOOD HERE AS A  
TOOL WITH WHICH TO EXPRESS US ATTITUDES ON OTHER  
ISSUES-- SUCH AS THIS NATIONS BEHAVIOR IN ITS  
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS.

2. TO DATE, US RESPONSE TO THE BEAGLE CHANNEL  
DISPUTE-- INCLUDING TOWARD ARGENTINAS REJECTION OF  
THE COURT JUDGMENT-- HAS BEEN PUBLICLY TO ENCOURAGE  
BOTH COUNTRIES TO SEEK A PEACEFUL NEGOTIATED  
SOLUTION, A POSITION NOW RATIFIED BY BOTH PRESIDENTS IN THE  
PUERTO MONTT ACCORD. IN OUR VIEW, ANY ATTEMPT AT CASTIGATING  
ARGENTINA FOR REJECTING BINDING ARBITRATION WOULD AT THIS  
POINT NOT BE PERCEIVED IN THE LIGHT INTENDED. GREAT BRITAIN,  
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WHICH AS ARBITRATOR IN THE BEAGLE CASE WOULD BE IN A MORE  
LIKELY POSITION TO RESPOND WITH SOME GESTURE OF REBUKE, HAS  
MADE NO PUNITIVE OR RETALIATORY MOVES AND HAS NO INTENTION OF  
DOING SO, ACCORDING TO BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS.  
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